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REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF PATENT

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Sir:

The issue fee for the above-identified application was paid on June 2, 2005. Since more than six months has passed since the payment of the issue fee, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office expedite issuance of the patent.

No fee is believed to be due for this request. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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